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SUBJ: BIOGRAPHIC SKETCHES OF GOL OFFICIALS ATTENDING LUNCHEON  
WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER

1. THE FOLLOWING GOL OFFICIALS WILL ATTEND THE LUNCHEON TO  
BE GIVEN FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER BY PRIME MINISTER THORN AT  
CHATEAU DE SENNINGEN MAY 25. FULL BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON  
EACH IS AVAILABLE IN DEPARTMENT, BUT THUMBNAIL IDENTIFYING  
SKETCHES FOLLOW.

2. GASTON THORN, PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER OF  
LUXEMBOURG. AS HEAD OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY, PRESIDENT OF THE  
30TH UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION, AND CURRENTLY PRESIDENT OF  
THE EC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, THORN IS WELL KNOWN AS AN  
ENERGETIC SUPPORTER OF U.S. AND OTHER PROPOSALS FOR THE  
STRENGTHENING OF BOTH EC AND ATLANTIC ALLIANCE TIES. LIKE  
ALL THE GOL OFFICIALS ATTENDING THE LUNCHEON, HE SPEAKS FLUENT  
ENGLISH, FRENCH AND GERMAN AS WELL AS LUXEMBOURGISH.

2. RAYMOND VOUEL, 53, VICE PRESIDENT AND MINISTER OF FINANCE,  
HEADS THE LUXEMBOURG SOCIALIST PARTY (POSL), THORN'S ONE-TIME  
OPPONENTS AND CURRENT COALITION PARTNERS. A COMPLEX, SENSITIVE,  
HIGHLY INTELLIGENT MAN, VOUEL IS CAPABLE OF BOTH DOCTRINAIRE  
OPPOSITION TO U.S. POLICIES AND SOPHISTICATED, PRAGMATIC  
COMPROMISES. HE IS BOTH PERSONALLY AND POLITICALLY JEALOUS  
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OF THORN'S MORE GLAMOROUS AND PERIPATETIC IMAGE, BUT STRAINS

BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES ARE NO GREATER THAN IS USUAL IN COALITIONS.

3. MARCEL MART, 49, IS MINISTER OF THE ECONOMY AND A DYNAMIC SECOND-IN-COMMAND OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY. IN BOTH ROLES HE OFTEN FINDS HIMSELF AT POLICY ODDS WITH VOUEL. HOWEVER, DURING THORN'S PROLONGED UNGA ABSENCES, MART HELD BOTH THE PD AND THE COALITION TOGETHER WITH FIRM, TACTFUL LEADERSHIP.

4. ADRIEN MEISCH, 46, LUXEMBOURG AMBASSADOR TO U.S. BEGAN HIS DIPLOMATIC CAREER AT THE UN IN 1955 AFTER WRITING A PHD THESIS AT OXFORD ON EUROPEAN INTEGRATION AND DEFENSE. HIS OPENNESS TOWARD THE U.S. WAS APPARENTLY REINFORCED BY HIS DISLIKE OF THE CONSTANT SURVEILLANCE HE RECEIVED AS AMBASSADOR IN MOSCOW 1971-74. WELL-INFORMED, A BIT WOODEN IN MANNER, HE IS AN AMATEUR PIANIST DEEPLY INTERESTED IN MUSIC.

5. PIERRE WURTH, 50, IS SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. INFORMAL AND FRIENDLY, WELL DISPOSED TOWARD THE U.S., WURTH HAS THE LOGICAL, CARTESIAN MIND AND CULTIVATED TASTES OF A FRENCH INTELLECTUAL. HE HAS WORKED CLOSELY WITH THE EMBASSY DURING LUXEMBOURG'S EC PRESIDENCY.

6. PAUL MERTZ, 40, IS DEPUTY POLITICAL DIRECTOR OF THE MFA. RESPONSIBLE FOR A WIDE RANGE OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AND SECURITY AFFAIRS, HE IS AN EXTREMELY ABLE PROFESSIONAL WHO SUPPLIES THE TECHNICAL ANSWERS TO POLICYMAKERS. HE IS FRIENDLY TO THE U.S. BUT BY NATURE SOMEWHAT RESERVED AND GUARDED IN MANNER.

7. CHARLES REICHLING, 53, HEADS THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S ECONOMIC AFFAIRS SECTION AND HAS OVERALL CHARGE OF ALL FOREIGN ECONOMIC AND TRADE RELATIONS. HE HAS AN EARNEST MANNER AND TERSE STYPE. HIS CAREER IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS SPANS 25 YEARS, BEGINNING WITH THE SCHUMAN PLAN NEGOTIATIONS AND THE EUROPEAN COAL AND STEEL COMMUNITY. HE WAS REPORTEDLY OFFERED THE JOB OF FOREIGN MINISTER IN 1968 BY THEN PRIME MINISTER WERNER BUT DECLINED. HIS POLITICAL AND PHILOSOPHICAL VIEWS ARE DEFINITELY CHRISTIAN SOCIALIST CONSERVATIVE. HE HAS ALWAYS COOPERATED WELL WITH THE EMBASSY.

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8. JEAN SCHLEICH, 40, IS REICHLING'S DEPUTY WITH RESPONSIBILITIES IN EVERY FIELD OF LUXEMBOURG'S INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS. HE OFTEN SERVES AS GOL REPRESENTATIVE TO SUCH GROUPS AS THE IEA OR EC TRADE AND ENERGY MEETINGS. LIKE MOST OF HIS COLLEAGUES, HE IS BOTH STRONGLY COMMUNITAIRE AND PRO-AMERICAN.

9. PAUL HELMINGER, 36, IS THORN'S PERSONAL ASSISTANT AND

CHEF DE CABINET. A STANFORD GRADUATE, HE WAS PICKED BY THORN AS BOTH A FOREIGN POLICY ADVISOR AND A DOMESTIC CHIEF OF STAFF BECAUSE OF HIS BRILLIANT RECORD AS A YOUNG CAREER DIPLOMAT. HE ENJOYS THORN'S COMPLETE CONFIDENCE AND HAS FULL AUTHORITY TO SPEAK FOR HIM ON MANY MATTERS.

10. EDOUARD MOLITOR, 45, IS THE MFA'S TOP LEGAL AND PROTOCOL EXPERT. RESERVED, PRUDENT AND PROFESSIONAL, HE SHOWS GREAT ATTENTION TO DETAIL BUT LITTLE INCLINATION TO DISCUSS WIDER POLITICAL ISSUES.

11. ANDRE CLAUDE, 48, IS THE GOL'S CHIEF PRESS SPOKESMAN. AN EBULLIENT, GREGARIOUS MAN WHO TALKS COMPULSIVELY AND EXTREMELY FAST, HE IS WARMLY FRIENDLY TO AMERICANS AND RESPECTED BY LOCAL JOURNALISTS FOR HIS HONESTY AND HELPFULNESS.

12. EXCEPT FOR MINISTERS VOUEL AND MART, ALL OFFICIALS ATTENDING THE LUNCHEON WILL ALSO ATTEND THE WORKING SESSION WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE OFFICIAL U.S. PARTY DURING THE SECRETARY'S TETE-A-TETE WITH THORN. PHILLIPS

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